



American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo  
**Emergency Message for  
U.S. Citizens**



**TO:** U.S. Citizens  
**FROM:** ACS Unit  
**DATE:** August 2, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Tropical Storm Emily

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Following is an Emergency Message being transmitted to alert Americans traveling or resident in the Dominican Republic that the National Hurricane Center (NHC) [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) has issued alerts for a tropical storm system that is currently located at 15.3N 63.6W, about 270 miles (435 kilometers) southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please circulate this to your constituents.

The National Hurricane Center reports that a tropical storm warning is in effect for the Dominican Republic with Tropical Storm Emily projected to reach the country by 8:00 p.m. on August 3. According to the Hurricane Center, Emily has been meandering during the past several hours, but is expected to resume a west to west-northwestward motion at about 12 mph (19 km/h) later today. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph (65 km/h) with higher gusts. Only slight strengthening is anticipated during the next day or two.

Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 70 miles (110 km) from the center. A wind gust of 49 mph (80 km/h) was reported on St. Thomas early this morning.

Tropical storm conditions are expected in Puerto Rico, Culebra and Vieques later today, and in the Dominican Republic and Haiti tonight and Wednesday.

Total rain accumulations of 4 to 6 inches are expected in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti with isolated maximum amounts of 10 inches possible. These rains could cause life-threatening flash floods and mud slides in areas of mountainous terrain.

A storm surge will raise water levels by 1 to 2 feet above normal tide levels in the tropical storm warning area. Near the coast, the surge will be accompanied by large and dangerous waves.

Updated information may be found on the National Hurricane Center's website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/#EMILY>.

The Dominican Emergency Operations Center (COE) has issued severe flood alerts for all provinces in the country. RED alert levels have been declared for the Southwestern provinces of the country which are most at risk.

The Dominican government has ordered mandatory evacuations, and COE will deploy Dominican military personnel to evacuate the following communities:

- Sabana Yegua (localities of Jaquimeyes, El peñón Palo Alto, Bombita, pescadería, La Hoya, Habanero and Cristóbal)
- Sabaneta (locality of Mesopotamia)
- Valdesía (localities of Barias, Semana Santa and Juan Barón)

The U.S. Embassy will continue to monitor Tropical Storm Emily's track, and will issue updated messages if necessary. U.S. citizens are urged to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all time (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our "[Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go](#)" webpage, and on the "[Natural Disasters](#)" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current Worldwide Caution Public Announcement, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up to date security information can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States, or, for callers outside the United States and

Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00am to 8:00pm EST, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail [acssantodom@state.gov](mailto:acssantodom@state.gov); web page [www.usemb.gov.do](http://www.usemb.gov.do).